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**NORTH EUROPEAN OIL ROYALTY TRUST  
ANNOUNCES THE DISTRIBUTION  
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF FISCAL 2001**

RED BANK, N.J. July 26, 2001 -- The Trustees of North European Oil Royalty Trust (NYSE-NET) announced today a quarterly distribution of 54 cents per unit, payable on August 22, 2001 to holders of record on August 10, 2001.

John R. Van Kirk, Managing Director, reported that this year's quarterly distribution was 11 cents or 25.6% above the distribution for the third quarter of fiscal 2000. Although all the details concerning sales and prices have not yet been received, substantially higher gas prices offset both lower sales volumes and the weaker Euro to increase the royalties paid to the Trust. The ongoing impact of the high level of oil prices continues to be reflected in the price of gas sold from the Oldenburg concession. The price of gas sold from western Oldenburg, under the higher royalty rate agreement, increased 54.8% to a quarterly average of 1.7552 Euro cents per kilowatt hour ("Ecents/Kwh"). The price of gas sold under the lower royalty rate agreement covering the entire Oldenburg concession increased 44.6% to an average of 1.8718 Ecents/Kwh. As a result of maintenance operations on the desulfurization plant performed during May along with difficulties encountered in the re-start of the plant, both western and overall gas sales declined for the quarter compared to the prior year. Western gas sales declined 11% from 24.7 billion cubic feet ("Bcf") to 21.9 Bcf. Overall gas sales declined 9.1% from 45.9 Bcf to 41.7 Bcf. While there has been some upward movement in the Euro in recent weeks, the economies of western Europe continue to struggle and the Euro remains well below last year's price levels.

Total distributions of \$1.86 per unit for the first nine months of fiscal 2001 were 63 cents per unit or 51.2% higher than the amount of \$1.23 distributed for the same period last year. Including this distribution, during the last twelve months the Trust has distributed \$2.19 per unit. Distributions are made to Trust unit owners from royalties received from oil, sulfur and gas sales from royalty holdings in Germany. The August distribution reflects royalties from sales made during the second calendar quarter of 2001. The Trust makes quarterly distributions to unit owners during the months of February, May, August and November.

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